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Sent: May 10, 2008 14:30
To: vchec
Subject: WISE COUNTY POWER PLANT

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my deep concerns about the proposed Dominion Power Plant planned for Virginia City in Wise County.

First let me say I am thankful that the Air Pollution Control Board has taken over the decisions from the DEQ, regarding the wisdom of this plant going ahead. I am a resident of the Town of Wise and a single mother of three sons who enjoy living in these mountains.

My major concern regarding this plant is the 49lbs of mercury that will be emitted per year into the atmosphere. As you are well aware mercury is a neurotoxin affecting the health of all who breath it in to their lungs, or ingest it as methyl mercury from eating fish.

I know first hand the devastation that a neurological disease reeks on a person and their family, as I myself suffer from Multiple Sclerosis. The financial burden on ones family and the state is enormous, not to mention very stressful. I would not wish the suffering on anyone.

If there is any chance that one baby may have their nervous system damaged in utero from a mother being exposed to mercury poisoning, or any individual developing a chronic nervous disorder because of the building of a power plant that is in truth not needed or wanted in this or any other area, then that is one to many in my opinion.

I beg you to look in detail at all the facts and the figures regarding the emissions from this plant. It is NOT using the best technology, if there is even such a thing and we all know the so called "carbon capture" process is many years ahead if that even will be the answer. In truth there is no such thing as "clean coal".

It falls on all our shoulders to speak up and be bold enough to say NO to a plant that will jeopardize the health of our community and of course contribute yet more CO2 to global warming.

I ask the Board to deny the building of this plant by Dominion Virginia Power in the health interests of not only the locals, but also of your fellow man.

Thank you so much for your time

Sincerely

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